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Sermon in Honor of Dead Soldiers

Tribute and honor was paid to those of the Grand Army of Republic ranks, who have been mustered out in the years past, Sunday with memorial services at the Methodist Episcopal church, Dr. Dean C. Dutton making the address. One hundred sixty-four veterans of the rebellion are counted among the dead from the local post and fourteen of these died within the past year. Tuesday the stores will close for a greater part of the day, and the veterans, their sons and the W. R. C. will decorate the graves of the soldiers and pay further tribute. C. E. Rugh will make the address of the day.

The veterans of the Civil war residing here still make a splendid showing and yesterday forty-three were in line and marched with 40 members of the Woman's Relief Corps and 20 of the S. of V. in a body to the Methodist church. The ranks are becoming more tottering and feeble every year, but in the two auxiliaries, the veterans have organizations that will carry on their noble work, and respect in even greater proportions will be paid the departed.

Dr. Dutton in his address, "The Processes of God in History," told in his characteristic and highly intellectual and able manner, opened with a description how America had been called into the world's history at a most peculiar time and that her entrance into the world's limelight had set all nations agasp. He described the nation's start as a most heroic one and that it was none other than the boys in blue who had upheld this heroism and patriotism and prevented it from being rent asunder.

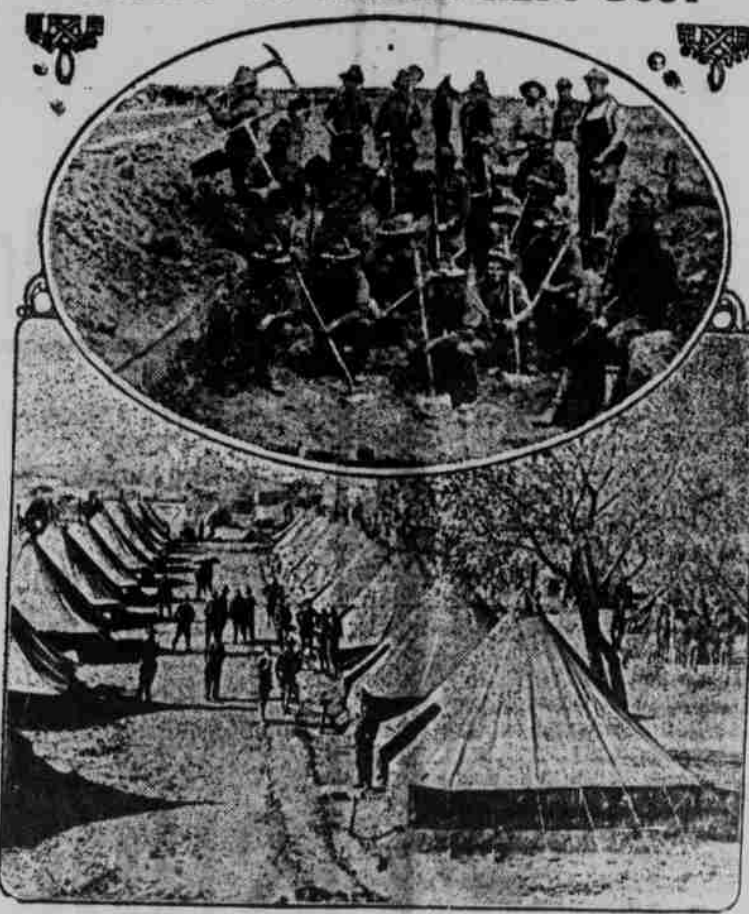
The greatest tribute was paid to the war veterans when Dr. Dutton told how of the ranks of the blue had come the nation's greatest statesmen, president, leader, legislators and lawyers.

"A new age is now upon us and the world needs America," he said in closing and urged the veterans to train their sons in the ways of great citizens and inspire in them patriotism so as to meet this coming emergency. "The greatest history is yet to be made and beyond the veil of the future lies untold possibilities, great propagandas and interesting creations. Train the youth and the son in preparation."

M. Gardner, post commander, was in charge of the meeting. F. A. Smith, adjutant, read the state and national commanders' proclamations and the list of the departed veterans. Miss Zoa Ford and Miss Helen Dutton, accompanied by Miss Pearl Garver at the piano, sang a duet.

All the committees of the three bodies are asked to be at the city hall at 9 a. m. tomorrow, with the exception of those who have other orders to come earlier. It is especially desired that the Sons of Veterans make a good showing in the parade and be at the city hall in time for its formation at 10 a. m.

TROOPS ON BORDER KEPT BUSY



Photos by American Press Association.
A camp in El Paso and soldiers digging defense works in anticipation of a sudden movement of Mexicans against the United States.

WM. BIESECKER BAGS LARGE WHITE PELICAN ON FARM

A large American white pelican was shot by W. M. Biesecker on his farm just south of the city Saturday morning. The bird had alighted in a corn field and Mr. Biesecker supposed it was a duck and took a steady aim with a target rifle. The bullet hit the mark and on going to get the bird, he discovered that it was a pelican and brought it to town. The bird measures slightly over eight and one-half feet from tip to tip.

It had a bill seventeen inches long. The pelican generally lives only in a very warm climate and along large streams or lakes. It is very seldom that one gets this far from home. The bird will be mounted by H. K. Elcholtz.

STEPS ON GLASS, SEVERING ARTERY IN FOOT THRU SHOE

Herington Sun: J. R. Field of Abilene, the Standard Oil man, met with what might have been a very serious accident at the Rock Island

freight house. He stepped upon a piece of broken glass which cut through the shoe and deep into the foot severing an artery. He was very weak from the loss of blood before a doctor arrived to aid him.

KANSAS' YOUNGEST COUNTY TREASURER VISITING HERE

Miss Alois Schwager, who holds the distinction of being the youngest county treasurer in the state and in several of the surrounding states is the guest of an Abilene friend, Miss Rebecca Laird, West Sixth street. Miss Schwager, who is 20 years of age and the mere sprit of a young lady, came into this office of Barton county when her father, who was serving in that capacity, died. She has rendered efficient service and is a candidate for reelection and the indications are that she will be elected. Miss Laird and Miss Schwager graduated in the same class from the high school. Miss Schwager attended the meeting of the state treasurers at Concordia.

Alumni Association for New High School

With more enthusiasm, life and interest evident than at any previous occasion, the Abilene high school alumni association in its fifth annual reception and banquet Friday evening at the A. O. U. W. hall, launched a whirlwind campaign that will secure for Abilene a new, up-to-date and modern high school, for which there has been a readily realized and crying need. From the opening address, by W. A. Matteson, vice president, who presided in the absence of C. L. Brown, who was in Chicago on business, to the closing talk there was a cracking and snapping of strong feeling for the improvements.

Favor "Six and Six" Plan

Prof. J. W. French, who started the ball to rolling, emphasized the central place in community and welfare work of the town, which the high schools of the present age have come to occupy and how inadequately the present high school chapel, with a seating capacity of 250, answered the "community" needs of 5000 persons. It was his well taken stand that all community educational factors, such as the lecture course should go to the high school, where they could be made successful.

Dr. Blayne characterized the alumni body as the only real body and organization of genuinely authorized aristocratic people of the town. He pleaded for the adoption of the junior high school and junior college system and proved their merits. He also made a personal appeal to the graduates to put the project through.

Propose \$90,000 Bond Issue

J. S. Engle, president, and C. C. Wyandt, of the board of education in their talks quoted some very significant statistics and presented some amazing charts of the existing conditions. Mr. Wyandt said that only 1-12 of one per cent of the total wealth of the local school district was represented in school buildings. That the interest on a \$90,000 bond issue would mean a tax of 65-100 mill or 65 on each \$1000 of the voters' assessed property. His prophecy of what the new buildings would be brought gasps of astonishment but approval from his hearers.

Urgent Reservation Requests

W. A. Stacey, superintendent of the schools, outlined the plans and requirements of the present day educational system, and offered explanations of parts of the preceding speeches. Farmers in the vicinity

telephone him repeatedly and begged and insisted that he reserve a place in next year's work for their children, Mr. Stacey said. When this condition arises it is time for action.

Organization the Keynote

Twenty-seven of the classes responded to toasts, one by letter and the remainder through representatives and support was promised from all. Carl Nicolay, '12, sounded the keynote in a plea for organization to put the proposition through. This was taken up and an organization of the alumni for further productive work is under way.

A. H. S. Alumni Banquet

One hundred and seventy-five graduates of the Abilene high school attended the fifth annual banquet and reception to the '16 class at the A. O. U. W. hall last evening. W. A. Matteson, first vice president, was in charge, and an enthusiastic gathering it was. The alumni are out after a new high school and they mean to get one. The first part of the program was devoted to toasting purposes. After a two course luncheon of generous proportions had been served twenty-eight of the thirty-seven classes that have graduated responded to toasts. Of the first class to leave the high school as graduates, five in number in 1880, two were present, Miss Lida Romig and Mrs. May Brenizer-Wilson. Staunt O. Henry was expected from New York, but he did not arrive. Deane Malott, president of the class of 1916, responded to the welcome given the group of which he is a member. Miss Gladys Harding and Miss Ada Anderson, two talented A. H. S. products, delighted the "graders" with a reading and solo, respectively.

The officers elected for the ensuing year follow: President, J. Wilbur Nicolay; vice president, Mrs. Lois Forney; second vice president, Miss Charlotte Northcraft; secretary-treasurer, Miss Bessie Shockey.

The dinner menu: Chicken salad, graham finger rolls, scalloped potatoes, pimento sandwiches, olives, ice cream, cake, salted almonds, coffee.

Considering that the affair was planned and prepared within a week's time, it was deemed very successful, in fact the most of any of the previous gatherings. Many attended from the surrounding towns and vicinity. The hall was elaborately decorated with flags, cut flowers and wisterias.

STRANGER KILLED BY R.I. TRAIN

Man Ground Under Wheels Thought to be Thomas Stewart

A transient, who was horribly mangled and cut beneath the wheels of a southbound Rock Island freight at Herington at 4:30 p. m. Saturday, causing instant death, was at first thought to be Thomas Stewart, a brother of John of this city and Ben of Talmage. His description partially answered that of Thomas Stewart, who disappeared from Horton a week ago, leaving behind a week's wages and has not been heard from since. John and Ben went to Herington and viewed the disfigured body, but do not believe it to be that of Thomas, their brother.

John Stewart, who was on the depot platform waiting to come to Abilene, was a witness of the accident. A. B. Focht also saw the man killed but does not think it was Stewart. In a notebook found among the belongings of the dead man was the name and address of a Robert Stewart. It was with other addresses and it can not be determined whether that was his or another's name. The stranger attempted to board the freight as it was leaving Herington and losing his balance fell under the wheels, which crossed his body from the right shoulder to the left hip, severing the body and cutting into many places the lower limbs.

TWO AUTOMOBILES LOCK WHEELS AT INTERSECTION

An automobile, driven and owned by Leonard Patton, going north on Buckeye at 5 p. m. Sunday locked wheels with a motor car going west on Tenth street, at the intersection. The west bound car was traveling the fastest and the occupants of both were unhurt beyond a severe shaking up. The front fenders of the Patton car and the rear mud guards on the auto whose occupants were unidentified, two young men, were damaged. It was with some difficulty that the wheels were untangled.

Negro Women Jailed for Sunday

Two negro women, arrested in the jungles west of town at 11 o'clock Saturday night by Marshals Engle and Haugh, were released this morning, after having spent yesterday in the city jail, on a promise "to hit the road" and never show up here again. Both were out of funds. One was a dope fiend and became a howling maniac when she had been deprived of her morphine for several hours.

STORMS CAUGHT MANY AUTOS

Many Cars Were Abandoned in Mudholes and Rain

The heavy rain Sunday afternoon and evening totaled 1 3-40 inches as indicated by the Farmers National bank gauge. The greatest portion fell in the afternoon's precipitation which started at 6 o'clock. Many people were caught in the country with their automobiles. J. S. Engle and H. C. Litts were forced to leave their spic and span cars beside a hedge fence two miles north of town for the night and the occupants rode home in a lumber wagon. This rain was local, there being only a light fall north and south of town.

The evening storm was accompanied by much lightning and electricity. One faulty cable on North Olive street made twenty residence telephones useless. This rain caught many of the visiting Knights of Columbus, who were forced to abandon their cars either in a mudhole or leave them in local garages. Five cars were pulled out of the mud by P. C. Redman.

MISS GENEVIEVE HUFFMAN PRAISED AS INSTRUCTOR

Longford Leader: The concert given in the opera house by the girls' glee club of the Chapman township high school, was one of the most pleasing entertainments of the season. The girls did splendidly, and their singing was a credit to them and also to their instructor.

Miss Genevieve Huffman, who has had charge of this branch in the high school, is certainly deserving of much praise and this demonstration of her ability as a music instructor should not be passed unobserved, but the patrons of this school should give her every encouragement and cooperation, and she should be authorized to extend this branch of learning as far into the grades as would, in her judgment, be advisable and practicable.

Miss Huffman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Huffman of this city. She is a graduate of the fine arts school, University of Kansas.

Don't Rob Birds' Nests

It is reported that several boys are making a collection of bird eggs and robbing many nests in town. There is a state law against such practices including a reward of \$10 for information leading to a conviction. The parents of these boys should make them quit or trouble may follow.

THAT youth and energy are great assets no one will deny. They help a lot in the battle of life. Frequently, however, men who possess both youth and energy suddenly discover that they need a little capital. A business opportunity finds them without any cash.

Young man, don't be caught this way. The successful business men of the country freely declare that they owe their success mainly to the fact they opened a bank account early in life. Then when the chance for an investment came along they were ready for it. Youth and energy make a fine combination. But youth, energy and capital are invincible.

Young Man, Be Invincible. Start a Bank Account with Us Today.

Abilene National Bank
ABILENE, KANSAS

MR. AND MRS. NIESLEY WELL LIKED IN TREGO SCHOOLS

This being the commencement season a word concerning some former Abilene school friends will be welcome. The reference is to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Niesley.

Mr. Niesley began his Kansas career as a teacher in Dickinson county in the early 80's. After some years in the Abilene schools, first as principal of the Garfield and later as city superintendent, he was elected principal of the Trego county high school at Wakeeney in 1905 where he has since been annually reelected. A bright young business man of Wakeeney when asked whether Mr. Niesley has again been reelected this year remarked that the failure to do so would be the signal for a widespread revolution throughout Trego county. The school spirit and educational tone of this county has been modified to a most pronounced degree through the public spirited service of Mr. Niesley. Four years ago the county public schools graduated thirty-four persons. Of these twenty-four entered the county high school and sixteen of them received their diplomas Thursday night at the annual commencement.

Mr. and Mrs. Niesley are personally greatly beloved and their family of five has grown to maturity.

Miss Mildred, a graduate of the College of Emporia, is concluding two years as instructor in the Ashland high school, having last fall declined the tender of the high school principalship at Coldwater. Miss Maude, likewise a graduate of Emporia, has been reelected to the

faculty of the high school at Richmond. George has spent a year in the same college, from which Miss Margaret is likewise due to graduate next year. Myron, a football star, and not yet sixteen, completed his high school course with honors last week.

J. H. Engle addressed the graduation class Thursday night. He also delivered the commencement address at Grainfield Friday night.

CONTRACTOR DIDN'T PAY BILLS

Debtors Trying to Secure Liens on New Enterprise High School

According to the papers of a suit involving School District No. 16, Dickinson County vs. The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co., J. T. Allen, a contractor, A. R. Reese and Charles Tiede, the latter doing business as the Tiede Lumber Co. of Enterprise, filed in the office of the clerk of district court, the contractor who built the new high school building at Enterprise failed to pay some of his debts, after the district had paid him the building contract price of \$14,031. From statements made in the petition, these are, Tiede Lumber Co. \$2145.02, and A. R. Reese \$63.52, who filed liens on the building for these amounts last month.

The contract with Allen was signed "The Board of Education, School District No. 16, Dickinson County, State of Kansas." It seems, and the school district is seeking to hold the surety company for the amounts the contractor failed to pay for material used in the building.